

# 2005 Archery Deer Hunting Regulations and Information

## Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, about 75 miles north of Dallas, Texas on Lake Texoma, will hold an archery hunt for white-tailed deer by special permit only, through a drawing process. Three areas, which total approximately 4,000 acres, will be open to hunting.

### Major New Changes This Year:

1. The buddy hunt system will be an option.
2. A \$3.00 hunt application fee is required.

### HUNTER SELECTION PROCESS

#### To Enter The Drawing:

We will accept hunter applications from May 2, 2005 until the deadline of June 13, 2005. Applications postmarked no later than June 13 will be accepted. Send an envelope with an enclosed 3" x 5" card with your **printed** name, date of birth, address, daytime phone number and Bowhunter Education Student Number along with a \$3.00 hunt application fee to Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, 6465 Refuge Road, Sherman, TX 75092-5817. **NOTE:** All applicants must have completed a Bowhunter Education Course\* **before** applying for the hunt and must provide their 6-digit Bowhunter Education Certificate Student Number. Hunters completing the course during the current year must mail in the original copy of their Student Registration form (Temporary Student Card). You may enter as an individual or list one buddy on your application. If you list a buddy then all the same information required for the primary hunter must be listed for the buddy including providing an additional \$3.00 hunt application fee. **Only one application per person will be allowed. Submission of more than one application per person will cause all of that person's applications to be rejected and application fees will not be refunded.**

The random computer drawing will assign each applicant a random number. Assigned numbers will be used to place hunters in a hunt segment, filling each segment A, B and C, in number order, to the limit of 70 total hunters each.

*NOTE: Hunters who qualified for automatic selection by harvesting a doe in 2004 must still apply as above for the 2005 hunt in order to obtain a 2005 hunt permit. Send your official 2004 doe receipt along with your 2005 application.*

\* **IBEP** courses are conducted locally and statewide. Contact your local bow shop or contact the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Hunter Education Division at 1 800/792-1112 or see internet site: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us>.

#### To Qualify for a Hunt Permit:

If you are selected in the drawing, you will be notified in late June, by mail, of which hunt segment you are eligible to hunt. **Selected hunters have until July 25, to mail in the \$50.00 hunt fee and their proficiency scorecard (original – no photocopies).** If these required items are not received or postmarked by July 25 then the selected hunter's name will be removed from the hunt eligibility list and that hunters slot will be filled by a replacement.

#### Second Chance -Replacements

A second selection will be held in late July (if needed) to reach a quota of 70 hunters per segment. Additional applicants will not be able to reapply if they missed the June 13 deadline. The "second chance" is actually a "moving up" of applicants beginning with the next in line as determined from the original drawing. These selected applicants will have until Aug 26 to mail in their hunt fee and proficiency card or their name will also be removed from the selected hunter list.

#### Segment D (Doe/Antlerless Only)

Segment D will not involve prior application. This hunt will be open to any hunter who possesses our Hunter Qualifications (see that section). Segment D hunters must attend a 9:00 a.m. meeting/drawing on December 15 at the Refuge Hunter Check Station. This segment will be limited to 70 hunters. If more than 70 eligible hunters attend then a selection process will be implemented to limit the number of hunters to 70.

### SIGNIFICANT DATES

**Accept applications:** May 02 to June 13

**Drawing:** June 20

**Notification of hunters who were selected:** Week of Jun 27

**Deadline for hunt fee & scorecard:** Jul 25

**Notify Replacements:** Week of Aug 1

**Deadline for replacements to send fee and scorecard:** Aug 26

#### Hunt Dates A, B and C:

**Segment A** Saturday Morning Nov 05 to  
Monday Evening Nov 07

**Segment B** Friday Morning Nov 18 to  
Sunday Evening Nov 20

**Segment C** Friday Morning Dec 02 to  
Sunday Evening Dec 04

**Meeting for Segment D:** Dec 15 at 9 am

#### Hunt Dates D:

**Segment D (Doe Only Segment)**  
Friday Morning Dec 16 to  
Sunday Evening Dec 18

### REGULATIONS

**Legal Game:** Deer and feral pigs.

**Bag Limits: Deer:** 3 (1 buck and 2 antlerless may be taken in segments A, B, & C). Deer may be harvested in any order. Only two antlerless deer may be taken in segment D. **Feral Pigs:** No Limit. Harvesting of pigs is greatly encouraged.

**Doe Incentive:** Any hunter harvesting an antlerless deer (during the buck/antlerless segments A, B, C) will be issued a receipt entitling exemption from random drawing for next year's (2006) hunt. The antlerless deer must be shot cleanly in the lung/heart/liver region to qualify for a receipt.

**Reporting:** All harvested game must be taken to the Hunter Check Station.

#### Other Rules:

- Shed antlers may not be collected.
- No firearms are allowed on the refuge, including inside vehicles.
- Alcohol during a hunt is prohibited.
- Camping on the refuge is prohibited. Public camping facilities off-refuge are available.

### HUNTER QUALIFICATIONS:

**License & Tags:** A valid State of Texas hunting license is required. All Texas State regulations apply. Note: The Refuge has no licenses and no stamps for sale.

**Bowhunter Education Card.** Required.

**Hagerman NWR Hunting Permit:** Each hunter must present their permit at the pre-hunt orientation session. **This permit is required to register and to hunt. You will not be allowed to hunt without it!** This permit must also be in the hunters possession at all times while hunting on the Refuge.

**Proficiency:** Successful completion of a proficiency test, dated May 1, 2005 or later, with a score of 80% or more is required. The test must be taken on a standard IBO course (10-8-5-0 scoring) with no target more than 30 yards. A tournament scorecard, signed by a tournament range officer, will suffice as proof of proficiency.

**Application Fee & Hunt Fee:** \$3.00 application fee and the \$50.00 hunt fee must be in the form of a cashier's check or money order made out to **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**. No cash or personal checks can be accepted. All fees are nonrefundable.

**Picture ID.** Required.

**Methods:** Hunting is from stands, blinds or by stalking (still hunting) only. Only portable blinds and stands are permitted and must be removed at the close of the hunt segment. No permanent tree steps are allowed. Screw in steps are allowed but must be removed after close of the hunt segment. **No trees or limbs greater than one inch may be cut.** The hunt units will be closed to public entry the day prior to each hunt segment. Permitted hunters will be allowed to place hunt stands on trees the day before their hunt segment begins but **may not enter any hunt unit until 10:00 a.m. and must leave the unit by 2:00 p.m.** Hunting over feeders or feed is not allowed.

**Hours of Access:** Registration for the hunt will begin at 4:30 a.m. at the hunter check station. This will be followed by a short pre-hunt orientation session. **You must register and attend the orientation held the first morning of each hunt segment.** Hunters must check in each day they hunt and must check out each evening even if unsuccessful. Check in times during the second and third mornings are 5:00 a.m. Check out time all three days is one hour after legal hunting time.

**Scouting:** Scouting is encouraged (daylight hours only), but is not allowed during a hunt segment. Those scouting in the Big Mineral Unit during the September Dove Hunt must sign in at the Check Box whether you are hunting or not. No weapons of any kind are allowed while scouting.

**Unit Rotation Schedule:**

Hunt units will be rotated as follows in order to 'rest' units and provide a quality hunt:

**2005-** Godwin, Goode and Meyers  
**2006-**Goode, Meyers & Harris Creek  
**2007-**Meyers, Harris Creek, Big Mineral  
**2008-** Harris Creek, Big Mineral, Sandy  
**2009-** Godwin, Sandy, Big Mineral

